

Texas, out of territory now composing Common School District No. 12 in said county; defining its boundaries; providing for a board of trustees thereof, and defining their powers and authority; authorizing said board of trustees to levy, assess and collect taxes for maintenance and building purposes and to issue bonds therefor, and providing that said Grandview Independent School District shall assume all the obligations and indebtedness of said Common School District No. 12; vesting title to property of said Common School District No. 12 in Grandview Independent School District; providing for an assessor and collector of taxes thereof, and providing for a board of equalization of said district; providing for the election and terms of office of trustees thereof, and declaring an emergency."

Have carefully compared same and find it correctly enrolled.

STOUT, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 21, 1925.

Hon. Lee Satterwhite, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 51, "An Act creating and incorporating Wells Independent School District in Lynn county, Texas, out of territory now composing the Wells Common School District No. 25 in Lynn county, Texas; defining the boundaries thereof; providing for a board of trustees therefor and thereof, and defining their powers and authority; authorizing such board of trustees to levy, assess and collect taxes for maintenance and building purposes and to issue bonds therefor; providing for an assessor and collector of taxes and a board of equalization for said district; providing for the validation of all outstanding obligations and indebtedness of the said Wells Common School District No. 25, and the assumption of all such obligations and indebtedness by the Wells Independent School District; validating and continuing in force all taxes and bonds that are now in force in said district; providing that the title for all property in said district be divested out of Wells Common School District No. 25 and vested in Wells Independent School District as created by this act; providing for the election and terms of office of the trustees of said district and filling vacancies on said board; providing for a seal for said district; provid-

ing that said trustees shall be governed by the general laws of Texas in all matters where this act is silent; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith; providing that invalidation by the courts of any portion of this act shall not invalidate any remaining portions, and declaring an emergency."

Have carefully compared same and find it correctly enrolled.

STOUT, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 21, 1925.

Hon. Lee Satterwhite, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 47, "An Act amending Articles 7542 and 7569 of Title 126, Chapter 12, Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911, relating to the time property shall be valued for taxation purposes; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act, and declaring an emergency."

Have carefully compared same and find it correctly enrolled.

STOUT, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 21, 1925.

Hon. Lee Satterwhite, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 59, "An Act amending Section 1 of Chapter 167, Act of March 30, 1917, and being Article 342 of Title 13, Chapter 1, of the Revised Statutes of Texas, relating to the appointment of an assistant district attorney in certain districts, his qualifications, bond and oath of office, powers and duties, and his tenure of office."

Have carefully compared same and find it correctly enrolled.

STOUT, Chairman.

THIRTY-THIRD DAY.

(Monday, February 23, 1925.)

The House met at 5:08 o'clock p. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

The roll was called and the following members were present:

Albritton.	Atkinson.
Alexander	Baker of Orange.
of Limestone.	Baker of Panola.
Amsler.	Barker.

Bartlett.	Mankin.
Bateman.	McBride.
Bean.	McDonald.
Bedford.	McDougald.
Bird.	McFarlane.
Boggs.	McKean.
Bonham.	Merritt.
Brown.	Moore.
Bryant.	Nicholson.
Cade.	Parish.
Chitwood.	Pavlica.
Coffey.	Pearce.
Conway.	Perdue.
Covey.	Petsch.
Cox of Lamar.	Poage.
Cox of Navarro.	Pool.
Cummings.	Pope.
Dale.	Purl.
Daniels.	Rawlins.
Davis of Dallas.	Raymer.
DeBerry.	Renfro.
Dielmann.	Robinson.
Dinkle.	Rogers.
Donnell.	Rowell.
Downs.	Rowland.
Dunn of Falls.	Runge.
Durham.	Shearer.
Enderby.	Simmons.
Finlay.	Simpson.
Florence.	Sinks.
Foster.	Smith of Nueces.
Frnka.	Smyth.
Graves.	Sparks.
Gray.	Stautzenberger.
Hagaman.	Stell.
Hall.	Stevens.
Harman.	Stevenson.
Harper.	Storey.
High.	Stout.
Hollowell.	Strong.
Hoskins.	Tomme.
Hull.	Veatch.
Jacks.	Walker.
Jasper.	Wallace.
Johnson.	Webb.
Justice.	Wells.
Kemble.	Westbrook.
Kittrell.	Williamson.
Laird.	Wilson.
Lane of Harrison.	Woodruff.
Lipscomb.	Young.
Loftin.	

Absent.

Acker.	Fields.
Alexander	Houston.
of Bastrop.	Irwin.
Avis.	Jones.
Barron.	Jordan.
Blount.	Kayton.
Bobbitt.	Kenyon.
Carter.	King.
Coody.	Kinnear.
Davis of Wood.	Lane of Hamilton.
Dunlap.	Low.
Dunn of Hopkins.	Masterson.
Faulk.	Maxwell.

McGill.	Smith of Travis.
McNatt.	Teer.
Montgomery.	Thompson.
Powell.	Wade.
Sheats.	Wester.

Absent—Excused.

Farrar.	Sanford.
Rice.	Taylor.

A quorum was announced present.

Prayer was offered by Rev. J. C. Mitchell, Chaplain.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED.

The following members were granted leave of absence on account of sickness:

Mr. Sanford for today, on motion of Mr. Merritt.

Mr. Rice for today, on motion of Mr. Young.

Mr. Taylor for today, on motion of Mr. Fields.

Mr. Farrar for today, on motion of Mr. Fields.

BILL SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER.

The Speaker signed, in the presence of the House, after giving due notice thereof and its caption had been read, the following enrolled bill:

H. B. No. 372, "An Act relating to conservation and reclamation districts, under and by virtue of the provision of Section 59 of Article 16 of the State Constitution, known as Levee Improvement Districts, having power and authority to reclaim lands from overflow and from rivers, creeks and streams, by system of levees, drainage and other improvements; prescribing how such districts may be created; defining their rights, powers and privileges, and the manner of their exercise; constituting such districts when created governmental agencies and bodies politic and corporate, and fixing their rights and liabilities as such; providing for the construction, maintenance and protection of works and improvements erected by them; granting to such districts the power of eminent domain; providing for the assessment, levy and collection of taxes; granting to such districts the power to issue bonds and create indebtedness to raise funds for the objects of their creation; relating to the making of contracts for construction of levees and other works of improvement and providing for the appropriation of funds in payment thereof; requiring the State Reclamation Engineer to inspect such districts and improvements under construction therein; making penal interference with or injury to their works or

improvements; fixing penalties and punishments to be imposed on persons offending in those regards, as well as for building levees without lawful authority; enacting provisions necessary and incidental to the subject and purpose of this act; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith; providing that this act shall not repeal any drainage district laws or irrigation or water improvement district laws, and declaring an emergency."

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following Senate bills, received from the Senate today, were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

Senate bill No. 132, to the Judiciary Committee.

Senate bill No. 204, to the Committee on Highways and Motor Traffic.

Senate bill No. 344, to the Committee on School Districts.

Senate bill No. 253, to the Committee on Highways and Motor Traffic.

Senate bill No. 254, to the Committee on Highways and Motor Traffic.

Senate bill No. 260, to the Committee on School Districts.

Senate bill No. 273, to the Committee on School Districts.

Senate bill No. 285, to the Committee on Highways and Motor Traffic.

Senate bill No. 299, to the Committee on School Districts.

Senate bill No. 300, to the Committee on School Districts.

Senate bill No. 315, to the Committee on Penitentiaries.

Senate bill No. 317, to the Committee on School Districts.

Senate bill No. 320, to the Committee on School Districts.

Senate bill No. 321, to the Committee on School Districts.

Senate bill No. 328, to the Committee on School Districts.

Senate bill No. 335, to the Committee on School Districts.

Senate bill No. 337, to the Committee on Judicial Districts.

Senate bill No. 339, to the Committee on School Districts.

Senate bill No. 352, to the Committee on Game and Fisheries.

Senate bill No. 361, to the Committee on Game and Fisheries.

BILLS ORDERED PRINTED.

Mr. Loftin moved that House bill No. 373, reported adversely with a minority favorable report, be printed.

Yeas and nays were demanded, and the motion to print prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—66.

Acker.	Lane of Hamilton.
Alexander	Lipscomb.
of Limestone.	Loftin.
Bateman.	McBride.
Bean.	McDonald.
Bird.	McDougald.
Boggs.	McFarlane.
Bonham.	McGill.
Brown.	McKean.
Bryant.	Merritt.
Chitwood.	Parish.
Coffey.	Pavlica.
Conway.	Pearce.
Coody.	Perdue.
Cox of Navarro.	Petsch.
Cummings.	Poage.
Dale.	Renfro.
Daniels.	Robinson.
Davis of Wood.	Rogers.
DeBerry.	Rowell.
Dielmann.	Runge.
Dinkle.	Simmons.
Donnell.	Simpson.
Downs.	Smith of Nueces.
Durham.	Stell.
Enderby.	Stevenson.
Finlay.	Stout.
Frnka.	Strong.
Graves.	Tomme.
Hull.	Veatch.
Johnson.	Walker.
Justice.	Wester.
Kittrell.	Williamson.
Laird.	Young.

Nays—37.

Albritton.	Mankin.
Amsler.	Moore.
Atkinson.	Nicholson.
Baker of Orange.	Pool.
Baker of Panola.	Pope.
Bartlett.	Purl.
Bedford.	Raymer.
Cade.	Rice.
Fields.	Rowland.
Florence.	Shearer.
Foster.	Smith of Travis.
Gray.	Smyth.
Hagaman.	Sparks.
Hall.	Stautzenberger.
Harper.	Stevens.
High.	Teer.
Hollowell.	Wallace.
Hoskins.	Wilson.
Jacks.	Woodruff.
Kemble.	

Present—Not Voting.

Lane of Harrison.

Absent.

Alexander	Jordan.
of Bastrop.	Kayton.
Avis.	Kenyon.
Barker.	King.
Barron.	Kinnear.
Blount.	Low.
Bobbitt.	Masterson.
Carter.	Maxwell.
Covey.	McNatt.
Cox of Lamar.	Montgomery.
Davis of Dallas.	Powell.
Dunlap.	Rawlins.
Dunn of Falls.	Sheats.
Dunn of Hopkins.	Sinks.
Faulk.	Storey.
Harman.	Thompson.
Houston.	Wade.
Irwin.	Webb.
Jasper.	Wells.
Jones.	Westbrook.

Absent—Excused.

Farrar.	Taylor.
Sanford.	

On motion of Mr. Cummings, House bill No. 306, reported adversely with a minority favorable report, was ordered printed.

NOTICES GIVEN.

Mr. Strong gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask to be taken up for consideration at that time House bill No. 265.

Mr. Wells gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask to be taken up for consideration at that time House bill No. 6.

BILLS ORDERED NOT PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. Finlay, Senate bill No. 361 was ordered not printed.

On motion of Mr. McDougald, Senate bill No. 337 was ordered not printed.

On motion of Mr. Boggs, House bill No. 503 was ordered not printed.

RECESS.

Mr. Hall moved that the House adjourn until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

Mr. Bonham moved that the House recess to 7:30 o'clock p. m. today.

Mr. Dielmann moved that the House recess to 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

The motion of Mr. Dielmann prevailed, and the House, accordingly, at 5:30 o'clock p. m., took recess to 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

MORNING SESSION.

(Tuesday, February 24, 1925.)

The House met at 10 o'clock a. m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON SENATE BILL NO. 183.

The Speaker announced the appointment of the following Free Conference Committee on the part of the House on Senate bill No. 183:

Messrs. Blount, Hall, Stevens, Dunn of Falls and Hagaman.

BILLS ORDERED NOT PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. Brown, House bill No. 535 was ordered not printed.

On motion of Mr. Cummings, House bill No. 510 was ordered not printed.

On motion of Mr. Gray, Senate bill No. 141 was ordered not printed.

On motion of Mr. DeBerry, House bills Nos. 332, 536, 427, 534, and Senate bills Nos. 242, 319, 243, 258, 249 and 257 were ordered not printed.

PROVIDING FOR ADJOURNMENT.

The Speaker laid before the House, for consideration at this time, the following resolution:

S. C. R. No. 28, Providing for adjournment for trip to Rio Grande Valley.

Resolved by the Senate, and House of Representatives concurring, That the Senate and House of Representatives of the Thirty-ninth Legislature of the State of Texas, 1925, may adjourn from Friday afternoon, February 27, 1925, to 10 o'clock a. m., March 3, 1925, for the purpose of permitting the Senate and House members to visit and inspect State institutions and State affairs in Corpus Christi, Kingsville, Brownsville, and the Rio Grande Valley between said date.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

HOUSE BILL NO. 339 ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Mr. Stell, the regular order of business was suspended to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 339, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing independent school districts meeting certain requirements provided herein to establish and main-

tain junior colleges offering two years of instruction beyond the high school grades; providing that such junior colleges shall be a part of the general public school system of this State; defining the scope of the college work as provided for herein; vesting of such junior colleges in the boards of trustees of the school districts; providing for their maintenance; prescribing the methods for the establishment of such college work and the means by which it may be discontinued; validating certain junior colleges established prior to the passage of this act; providing that independent districts establishing and maintaining collegiate work as prescribed in this act may receive supplemental appropriations from the general funds of the State; prescribing the amount of such supplemental aid; making an appropriation, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. McFarlane offered the following (committee) amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 339 by striking out all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. The trustees of an independent school district maintaining (a) elementary public schools meeting the standards prescribed by the State Department of Education for such schools and (b) a high school accredited by the State Department of Education as of the first class, with an enrollment of not less than 500 high school students and (c) an assessed valuation of not less than \$15,000,000 are hereby authorized to submit to the qualified property tax-paying voters of such district the question as to whether or not the district shall establish and maintain two years of instruction, beyond the high school grades, of freshman and sophomore college rank. If a majority of the votes cast at such an election favor the establishment and maintenance of such college work by the district, the trustees thereof shall provide suitable buildings, equipment and teachers for such college work and otherwise provide for the establishment and maintenance of junior college instruction in the district.

Sec. 2. It is hereby expressly provided that the trustees of a district that has provided for the establishment and maintenance of junior college work, as prescribed in Section 1 of this act, may not discontinue the same until after the expiration of two years from the date of the election authorizing the es-

tablishment of the same, and then only after the question as to the discontinuance of junior college work has been submitted to a vote of the qualified tax-paying voters of the district at a special election for that purpose and a majority of the votes cast in such election are found to be in favor of the discontinuance of the same.

Sec. 3. The management and control of the junior college work as referred to in this act shall be vested, with the limitation herein prescribed, in the trustees of the independent district maintaining such work, and all elections relating to the establishment, maintenance, or discontinuance of such junior colleges shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the general law governing bond and maintenance tax elections in such independent districts; and all laws, general and special, relating to taxes and bonds in force in such districts relating to the maintenance of the public schools thereof shall apply to and be in full force and effect in reference to the junior college work of such districts.

Sec. 4. The scope of the work of the junior colleges to be established under the provisions of this act shall be substantially equivalent to that of the freshman and sophomore years of the four-year State supported institutions of higher learning, such equivalence to be determined by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Sec. 5. School districts having junior colleges organized or established on the date of the passage of this act are hereby exempt from the requirements for the establishment for junior colleges as set forth in Section 1 of this act, but in all other respects they shall be governed by the provisions of this act.

Sec. 6. Junior colleges established under the provisions of this act are hereby made a part of the general public school system of this State and the biennial appropriation of funds to supplement the available funds of districts maintaining such junior colleges is hereby authorized.

Sec. 7. Junior colleges organized under the provisions of this act may receive reimbursement not to exceed fifty per cent (50%) of the actual teaching expense, provided that no State aid be granted to any junior college until said district is levying and collecting not less than one dollar (\$1) school tax or its equivalent and provided that in no case shall the State aid furnished to the junior colleges exceed fifty dollars (\$50) per student; and for each of the years ending August 31, 1926, and August 31,

1927, the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), or such part thereof as may be necessary, making a total of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for the biennium beginning September 1, 1925, and ending August 31, 1927, is hereby appropriated out of the general revenues of the State to supplement the available funds of such districts as may be maintaining junior college work, as prescribed herein, subject to the following provisions: (a) For each student enrolled and in regular attendance in a junior college for a term of six or three scholastic months two-thirds and one-third, respectively, of the amount prescribed for a term of nine months; (b) no appropriation or apportionment to be made to a district for the benefit of a student of a junior college for a term of less than three scholastic months; (c) all funds expended under the provisions of this act to be paid out of the State Treasury on warrants as prescribed by general law, on the certification of the State Superintendent to the State Treasurer that the said junior colleges are entitled to the same under the provisions of this act, the payments to be made at the end of each one-third term of the junior college and substantially as the State per capita available school fund apportionments are made; (d) all funds paid to the district under the provisions of this act shall be disbursed and accounted for by the districts as are available school funds of the district; (e) students properly qualified residing in Texas, shall be permitted to enter any junior college and students residing out of the State may be required to pay tuition as provided by the board of trustees; (f) provided that no State aid be granted to any junior college in this State where there is permitted to exist any Greek letter fraternity, sorority or any similar secret society, and the trustees of said college shall make affidavit that no such organization exists before State aid shall be granted to any such college.

It is hereby made the duty of the State Superintendent to prepare and to transmit to the trustees of school districts participating in the funds herein appropriated such instructions, forms and blanks as in his judgment may be necessary to a proper compliance with the provisions of this act.

Sec. 8. The inadequacy of the present law relating to the subject of this act, together with the crowded condition of the calendar creates an emergency requiring the suspension of the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read

on three several days, and said constitutional rule is hereby suspended, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Mr. Brown offered the following amendment to the amendment:

Amend the (committee) amendment by striking out all of Sections 6 and 7.

Mr. Stout offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 339 by striking out the enacting clause.

Mr. Hall moved the previous question on the pending amendment and the main question was ordered.

Question recurring on the amendment, yeas and nays were demanded.

The amendment was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—76.

Alexander of Bastrop.	Kayton.
Alexander of Limestone.	King.
Amsler.	Kittrell.
Atkinson.	Laird.
Baker of Orange.	Lane of Hamilton.
Barker.	Lane of Harrison.
Barron.	Low.
Bartlett.	Mankin.
Bateman.	McBride.
Bean.	McKean.
Bedford.	Moore.
Bird.	Parish.
Brown.	Pavlica.
Cade.	Pearce.
Coffey.	Poage.
Conway.	Pope.
Coody.	Powell.
Cummings.	Purl.
Dale.	Renfro.
Davis of Dallas.	Rice.
Davis of Wood.	Robinson.
Dinkle.	Rogers.
Donnell.	Rowell.
Downs.	Rowland.
Dunn of Hopkins.	Runge.
Farrar.	Shearer.
Finlay.	Sheats.
Florence.	Simmons.
Gray.	Sinks.
Hall.	Sparks.
Harman.	Stautzenberger.
Harper.	Storey.
High.	Stout.
Hollowell.	Thompson.
Hoskins.	Veatch.
Hull.	Walker.
Johnson.	Wells.
Justice.	Williamson.
	Wilson.

Nays—46.

Acker.	Avis.
Albritton.	Baker of Panola.

Bobbitt.	Loftin.
Boggs.	McDougald.
Bryant.	McFarlane.
Carter.	McGill.
Chitwood.	McNatt.
Covey.	Merritt.
Cox of Lamar.	Nicholson.
Daniels.	Perdue.
DeBerry.	Pool.
Dielmann.	Rawlins.
Dunn of Falls.	Simpson.
Durham.	Smith of Nueces.
Enderby.	Stell.
Fields.	Stevens.
Graves.	Stevenson.
Hagaman.	Taylor.
Jacks.	Teer.
Jasper.	Webb.
Jordan.	Wester.
Kinnear.	Woodruff.
Lipscomb.	Young.

Present—Not Voting.

Tomme.

Absent.

Blount.	Maxwell.
Bonham.	McDonald.
Cox of Navarro.	Montgomery.
Dunlap.	Petsch.
Faulk.	Raymer.
Foster.	Sanford.
Frnka.	Smith of Travis.
Houston.	Smyth.
Irwin.	Strong.
Jones.	Wade.
Kemble.	Wallace.
Kenyon.	Westbrook.
Masterson.	

Mr. Stout moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendment was adopted and to table the motion to reconsider.

Question recurring on the motion to table, yeas and nays were demanded.

The motion to table prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—75.

Alexander	Conway.
of Bastrop.	Coody.
Alexander	Cummings.
of Limestone.	Dale.
Amsler.	Davis of Dallas.
Atkinson.	Davis of Wood.
Baker of Panola.	DeBerry.
Barker.	Dinkle.
Barron.	Donnell.
Bartlett.	Downs.
Bateman.	Dunn of Hopkins.
Bean.	Farrar.
Bedford.	Florence.
Bird.	Gray.
Brown.	Hall.
Cade.	Harman.
Coffey.	High.

Hollowell.	Renfro.
Hoskins.	Rice.
Hull.	Robinson.
Johnson.	Rogers.
Justice.	Rowell.
Kayton.	Rowland.
King.	Runge.
Kittrell.	Shearer.
Laird.	Sheats.
Lane of Hamilton.	Simmons.
Lane of Harrison.	Sinks.
Loftin.	Sparks.
Mankin.	Stautzenberger.
McBride.	Storey.
McKean.	Stout.
McNatt.	Thompson.
Moore.	Tomme.
Parish.	Veatch.
Pavlica.	Walker.
Pearce.	Wells.
Pope.	Williamson.
Powell.	Wilson.

Nays—40.

Acker.	Lipscomb.
Albritton.	McDougald.
Avis.	McFarlane.
Bobbitt.	McGill.
Boggs.	Merritt.
Bryant.	Nicholson.
Carter.	Perdue.
Chitwood.	Pool.
Covey.	Purl.
Cox of Lamar.	Simpson.
Daniels.	Smith of Travis.
Dunn of Falls.	Stell.
Durham.	Stevens.
Enderby.	Stevenson.
Fields.	Taylor.
Graves.	Teer.
Hagaman.	Webb.
Jasper.	Wester.
Jordan.	Woodruff.
Kinnear.	Young.

Present—Not Voting.

Harper.

Absent.

Baker of Orange.	Low.
Blount.	Masterson.
Bonham.	Maxwell.
Cox of Navarro.	McDonald.
Dielmann.	Montgomery.
Dunlap.	Petsch.
Faulk.	Poage.
Finlay.	Rawlins.
Foster.	Raymer.
Frnka.	Sanford.
Houston.	Smith of Nueces.
Irwin.	Smyth.
Jacks.	Strong.
Jones.	Wade.
Kemble.	Wallace.
Kenyon.	Westbrook.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE
TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

The Speaker laid before the House and had read the following communication:

Treasury Department,
Internal Revenue Service.

Austin, Texas, February 19, 1925.

Hon. Lee Satterwhite, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

My Dear Mr. Satterwhite: During the last Legislature it was my pleasure to grant extensions of time in which to file income tax returns to members of the House, residing in the First Internal Revenue Collection District of Texas, when requested to do so. I now regret to advise you that the 1924 Federal Revenue Law does not give the Collector authority to grant an extension of time in which to file an income tax return.

The Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Income Tax Unit, Washington, D. C., is the only official who now has such authority. I, therefore, suggest that all members of the House who think they will not be able to file their returns for the calendar year 1924 in the Collector's office by March 15, 1925, apply to the Commissioner at once for an extension of time.

You are at liberty to give this letter such publicity as you may deem proper.

Sincerely yours,
JAMES W. BASS,
Collector.

RESOLUTIONS SIGNED BY THE
SPEAKER.

The Speaker signed, in the presence of the House, after giving due notice thereof and their captions had been read severally, the following enrolled resolutions:

H. C. R. No. 11, Relating to Centennial Exposition.

H. C. R. No. 10, Relating to Revised Civil and Criminal Statutes.

H. C. R. No. 14, Relating to Travelers' Protective Association.

H. C. R. No. 16, Correcting House bill No. 218.

RELATING TO ADJOURNMENT.

Mr. Purl offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That the Regular Session of the Thirty-ninth Legislature of the State of Texas stand adjourned sine die at 6 p. m. on March 21, A. D. 1925.

The resolution was read second time. On motion of Mr. Purl, the resolution was laid on the table subject to call.

RELATING TO CONDITIONS IN
PRISON SYSTEM.

Mr. Chitwood offered the following resolution:

H. C. R. No. 19, Relating to conditions in prison system.

Whereas, The joint committee heretofore appointed by the Senate and the House of Representatives to investigate the Penitentiary System of the State has made reports which speak for themselves; and

Whereas, Said committee has given much time in the making of said investigation and the taking of testimony, and has given full and complete hearings to all parties involved; and

Whereas, Many previous investigations have revealed like deplorable conditions as found by the present committee, but little reforms or corrections have resulted therefrom because of delay and political considerations; and

Whereas, It seems that the only way to immediately improve conditions and bring about a regard for the law and the recommendations of the Legislature by those in charge of the penitentiary system, is for the Legislature of Texas to demand the removal from the system those most flagrantly guilty of inefficiency and misconduct; therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That the said J. A. Herring be, and he is hereby, asked to resign as a member of the Board of Prison Commissioners; and be it further

Resolved, That, in the event he fails or refuses to resign, he be removed from office by the Governor in the manner provided by law; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Prison Commissioners be, and they are hereby, instructed to request the immediate resignation of the several employes named in said majority report, and that said Prison Commissioners, if any of said employes do not resign, be requested to dismiss said employes so refusing to resign; and said Board of Prison Commissioners are further requested to make report immediately to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House as to their action with reference to said employes; and be it further

Resolved, That a transcript of the testimony taken by the said Investigating Committee be furnished the Governor and the Attorney General of the State

of Texas, for such use as they deem proper.

Signed—Chitwood, Irwin.

The resolution was read second time. (Pending consideration of the resolution, Mr. Jacks occupied the chair temporarily.)

(Speaker in the chair.)

Mr. Stevenson offered the following substitute to the resolution:

Whereas, The committee heretofore appointed to investigate the State Penitentiary System has concluded its labors, and has submitted the evidence of their findings to the Senate and House of Representatives; and

Whereas, Said committee has made both a majority and a minority report upon the proposition of the action the Legislature ought to take upon the evidence adduced; and

Whereas, There is a difference of opinion as to the wisdom of the adoption by the Legislature of the two recommendations to the extent that each of said recommendations contain suggestions of great merit; and

Whereas, It is impossible, on account of the short time at the disposal of the Legislature for the members to consider said evidence in detail; and

Whereas, The Legislature is, however, of the opinion that the recommendation of the majority report, naming certain penitentiary officials, should be carried into effect; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, First, That the report of the committee be received and filed in the records of the Legislature;

Second, That the Legislature express their appreciation for the excellent work of the committee and that the committee be discharged;

Third, That the question of the resignations of the various persons named in the majority report be referred to the Governor with request from the Legislature that she consider the testimony taken by the committee and the majority and minority reports of said committee, and that she take such action in the premises as to her may seem proper, and to that end that she be requested, if, in her judgment, any or all of said persons should be asked to resign, that she demand their resignation, and if they should fail to resign, that she direct the Attorney General or the proper officers of the State to take such action as will bring about the removal of said persons from the offices they hold.

Signed—Stevenson, King, Petsch, Hall.

RECESS.

Mr. Chitwood moved that the House recess to 2 o'clock p. m. today.

Mr. Harman moved that the House adjourn to 2 o'clock p. m. today.

The motion of Mr. Chitwood prevailed, and the House, accordingly, at 12 o'clock m., took recess to 2 o'clock p. m. today.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The House met at 2 o'clock p. m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, February 24, 1925.

Hon. Lee Satterwhite, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed

S. B. No. 327, A bill to be entitled "An Act relating to water improvement districts and providing that lands admitted to a water improvement district organized or operating under Section 59, Article XVI of the State Constitution may be admitted upon agreement that same be taxed upon assessment of benefit plan or upon a uniform acreage basis or upon a definite annual payment; providing that in the collection of delinquent taxes the attorney's fees of not to exceed 10% of such taxes shall be added to same and judgment may be recovered therefor, and that publication of delinquent tax rolls is not prerequisite to the filing of such suits; amending Section 72, Chapter 87, Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature as amended by Section 1, Chapter 58, Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-eighth Legislature, and being Article 7718 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, providing for the election of five directors for a district and that in certain districts, containing not to exceed 12,000 acres of land in which 60% or more of the lands are owned by persons who do not reside in the district in which the petition for organization so provides such directors shall be appointed by the county commissioners court and the procedure thereof; providing that assessments of a water improvement district for maintenance and operation shall be a lien against the lands assessed and shall not be barred by limitation; amending Section 83, Chapter 87, Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, and being Articles 7732 to 7736, inclusive, of the

Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, providing that lands in an adjoining county may be added to a district in the same manner as if situated in the same county; providing a water improvement district may file reports and make audits for each calendar year, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 330, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 90, page 185, of the General Laws of the State of Texas, passed by the Thirty-eighth Legislature, at its Regular Session in 1923, the same being an act to reorganize the Thirty-fifth Judicial District of Texas; to name the counties composing such Thirty-fifth Judicial District of Texas, and to fix the time for holding court in the counties composing said district; to provide for the execution and return of process issued out of said court; fixing the time when this act becomes effective and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict therewith, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 17, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for co-operation between the State of Texas and the U. S. Department of Agriculture in the destruction of rodent pests—prairie dogs, rats, pocket gophers and ground squirrels, and predatory animals—coyotes, wolves, mountain lions, bob-cats and other predatory animals; appropriating funds for such purposes, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully,

MORRIS C. HANKINS,

Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

RELATING TO CONDITIONS IN PRISON SYSTEM.

The House resumed consideration of pending business, same being H. C. R. No. 19, offered by Mr. Chitwood, relating to conditions in the State prison system.

The resolution having heretofore been read second time.

HOUSE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following House bills, introduced today, were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

By Mr. Boggs:

H. B. No. 541, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Sherwood Independent School District in Irion county, Texas, and defining the boundaries of all adjoining districts thereto."

Referred to Committee on School Districts.

By Mr. Justice:

H. B. No. 542, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and incorporating the Cross Roads County Line Independent School District lying in the counties of Henderson and Anderson, in the State of Texas."

Referred to Committee on School Districts.

By Mr. Laird and Mr. Brown:

H. B. No. 543, A bill to be entitled "An Act setting aside all lands owned by the State of Texas and the Prison Commission of Texas, located in Cherokee county, for reforestation purposes, to be used for such purposes by the Agricultural and Mechanical College, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Public Lands and Buildings.

By Mr. Wester:

H. B. No. 544, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create the Ackerly Independent School District in Dawson, Borden, Howard and Martin counties, Texas."

Referred to Committee on School Districts.

By Mr. Smyth:

H. B. No. 545, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Flynt Independent School District in Swisher county, Texas."

Referred to Committee on School Districts.

By Mr. Rogers:

H. B. No. 546, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 2 of Chapter 2, Local and Special Laws passed by the Thirty-third Legislature at its Regular Session, same being a special road law for Shelby county, Texas, by adding thereto Sections 2a and 2b, to permit the issuance of bonds by said county for the purpose of funding or refunding indebtedness incurred for road and bridge purposes, and to prohibit hereafter the issuance by the commissioners court of said county of county warrants against the road and bridge fund payable out of the revenues of future years, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Highways and Motor Traffic.

By Mr. Petsch and Mr. Cade:

H. B. No. 547, A bill to be entitled "An Act to permit Otto Limberger and H. M. Tarver to maintain a suit now pending in the district court of Ban-

dera county, Texas, the same being in the Thirty-eighth Judicial District of Texas, being No. 976, styled Otto Limberger vs. The State of Texas, said suit being brought for the purpose of setting aside a final judgment against said Limberger and said Tarver in favor of the State of Texas, on a forfeited bail bond, plaintiffs in said suit alleging meritorious defense and that said judgment was rendered through accident and mistake, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Kittrell:

H. B. No. 548, A bill to be entitled "An Act to appropriate the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to pay in full Mrs. Kate Chambers Sturgis (nee Kate Chambers) and Mrs. Stella J. MacGregor (nee Stella J. Chambers), the only surviving heirs at law of General T. J. Chambers, which land was condemned by the Republic of Texas for the purpose of establishing a seat of government, and upon which the city of Austin now stands, and upon a part of which the State Capitol is built, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. Smith of Travis:

H. B. No. 549, A bill to be entitled "An Act exempting Travis county for a period of two years from the provisions of Chapter 12, Section 3, Acts of 1917, Third Called Session, as amended by Chapter 87, Section 3, Acts of 1918, Fourth Called Session, and Chapter 172, Regular Session of the Thirty-eighth Legislature, and providing for an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Game and Fisheries.

By Mr. Bonham:

H. B. No. 550, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for the publication and distribution of Revised Civil and Criminal Statutes, providing an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. Donnell:

H. B. No. 551, A bill to be entitled "An Act prescribing the duties of the Board of Control and its Auditing Division in reference to accounting and auditing; providing for an auditing department or division of such board with necessary employes and facilities; pro-

viding for accounting and auditing of State departments, boards, commissions and institutions and penitentiary; making an appropriation for carrying out the provisions of this act; amending Chapter 167, General Laws Regular Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Mr. Wester:

H. B. No. 552, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and incorporating the Happy Independent School District in Terry county, Texas, out of territory now composing Happy Common School District No. 11 in said county, as heretofore created, and adding thereto certain territory now within the bounds of the Gomez Independent School District heretofore created by act of the Legislature, and defining its boundaries."

Referred to Committee on School Districts.

By Mr. Davis of Wood:

H. B. No. 553, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 1, Chapter 77, General Laws of the Thirty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, providing for the omission of Wood county; limiting the size of mesh that may be used; prohibiting the sale of squirrels and limiting the number that may be killed; declaring a closed season on deer, wild turkey and quail; prescribing penalties for the violation of the provisions of this act; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Game and Fisheries.

By Mr. Gray:

H. B. No. 554, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating Plemons Independent School District in Hutchinson county, Texas."

Referred to Committee on School Districts.

By Mr. Kittrell:

H. B. No. 555, A bill to be entitled "An Act to increase and fix the salary of the superintendent of public instruction of Harris county, Texas; providing for office and traveling expenses, repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Baker of Orange:

H. B. No. 556, A bill to be entitled

"An Act creating the Orange Independent School District in the county of Orange, State of Texas."

Referred to Committee on School Districts.

By Mr. Cade:

H. B. No. 557, A bill to be entitled "An Act making an appropriation to pay the salary of an assistant district attorney of Bexar county, Texas, for the period beginning January 1, 1925, and ending August 1, 1925, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. Wells:

H. B. No. 558, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and incorporating the Edna Independent School District in Jackson county, Texas."

Referred to Committee on School Districts.

INVITING MADAME SCHUMANN-HEINK TO VISIT LEGISLATURE.

Mr. Purl offered the following resolution:

H. C. R. No. 20, Inviting Mme. Schumann-Heink to visit the Legislature.

Whereas, It has come to the attention of the House of Representatives of the State of Texas that Madame Schumann-Heink is in the city of Austin, Texas, for the purpose of giving a concert; and

Whereas, Madame Schumann-Heink has been a loyal friend of the ex-service men in the United States; and

Whereas, There are now in the House of Representatives many ex-service men; and

Whereas, All members of the House are friends of the ex-service men; and

Whereas, Madame Schumann-Heink had four sons in the military service of the United States during the late war; and

Whereas, Every member of the House of Representatives appreciates and glories in the service rendered by these sons, and in the services rendered by their distinguished mother in visiting the American soldiers and giving concerts in cantonments; and

Whereas, The members of this House further appreciate the fact that Madame Schumann-Heink so loves the ex-service men of Texas that she, on more than one occasion, has attended the American Legion conventions of the State of Texas at her own expense, and has given the members thereof concerts; and

Whereas, The members of this House individually and collectively are anxious to have an opportunity to see one who has rendered such distinguished service; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Texas, the Senate concurring, That Madame Schumann-Heink be extended an invitation to visit the House of Representatives at any time that it is convenient and suitable for her and thus give the members an opportunity to meet her.

Signed—Purl, Alexander of Bastrop, Baker of Orange, Bedford, Poage, Rawlins, Raymer, Runge, Sanford, Renfro, Robinson, Rowell, Bobbitt, Cade, Cox of Navarro, DeBerry, Faulk, Foster, McGill, Petsch, Jacks, Jordan, Kayton, Kemble, Laird, Lane of Harrison, Lipcomb, Maxwell, McDougald, McFarlane, Simpson, Sparks, Stout, Strong, Walker.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

RECESS.

Mr. Hall moved that the House adjourn until 9 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

Mr. Teer moved that the House recess to 9 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

The motion of Mr. Teer prevailed, and the House, accordingly, at 4:30 o'clock p. m., took recess to 9 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

APPENDIX.

STATEMENT BY MR. FARRAR.

Mr. Farrar, who was absent when the Penitentiary Investigating Committee submitted its report, submitted the following statement:

I have examined both the majority and minority reports of the joint penitentiary investigating committee. On account of sickness I could not attend the second visit of the committee to the penitentiary and prison farms, and not having the opportunity to see or hear many of the witnesses testify, I am not, therefore, sufficiently advised to fairly and justly pass upon the question of the requested resignations or removal of the various prison officials and employees named in the majority report.

Furthermore, believing that the Governor, aided by the testimony taken by this committee, and such additional investigations that she may be able to make, can better determine the justice

of each case, I therefore concur in the minority report.

FARRAR.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS.

The following standing committees filed favorable reports today on bills as follows:

Appropriations—Senate bill No. 214.

Constitutional Amendments — Senate joint resolutions Nos. 7, 15.

Highways and Motor Traffic—House bill No. 535; Senate bill No. 148.

Judicial Districts — Senate bill No. 337.

State Affairs—House bills Nos. 539, 467; Senate bill No. 232.

School Districts — House bills Nos. 427, 332, 534, 536; Senate bill No. 6.

The following standing committees filed unfavorable reports today on bills as follows:

School Districts—House bill No. 234.

Highways and Motor Traffic—House bill No. 420.

Constitutional Amendments — House joint resolutions Nos. 18, 19, and Senate joint resolution No. 2.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON ENGROSSED BILLS.

Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, February 23, 1925.

Hon. Lee Satterwhite, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 445, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 3, Chapter 3, Local and Special Laws, Thirty-fifth Legislature, Fourth Called Session, being entitled 'An Act to create and establish the Batson Independent School District in Hardin county, Texas,' and declaring an emergency."

And find the same correctly engrossed.
ROWELL, Chairman.

Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, February 23, 1925.

Hon. Lee Satterwhite, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 403, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create the Coahoma Independent School District in Howard county; providing a board of trustees therefor; vesting said Coahoma Independent School District board of trustees with all the rights, powers, privileges and

duties conferred upon independent school districts incorporated under the general laws of Texas; providing for the validation of all current contracts of the said Common School District No. 2 as the subsisting obligations and acts of the Coahoma Independent School District, as created by this act; providing for an election to determine as to the assumption of outstanding bonded indebtedness of territory hereby incorporated, as herein set out, and declaring an emergency."

And find the same correctly engrossed.
ROWELL, Chairman.

Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, February 23, 1925.

Hon. Lee Satterwhite, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 426, A bill to be entitled "An Act to abrogate 'The Rule in Shelley's Case,' in Texas, as relates to instruments taking effect after December 31, 1925,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.
ROWELL, Chairman.

Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, February 23, 1925.

Hon. Lee Satterwhite, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 92, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing a method of validating titles to lands conveyed by guardians under the provisions of Chapters 11 and 12, Title 64, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1911, as amended by Chapter 151, General Laws passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature of Texas, approved April 7, 1913, where county court failed to require the bond provided for by the fourth paragraph of Article 4162 and Article 4177 as amended."

And find the same correctly engrossed.
ROWELL, Chairman.

Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, February 23, 1925.

Hon. Lee Satterwhite, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 28, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the bonding of every person and every chauffeur operating either directly, or by agent, em-

ploye, or hired hand, or by any representative, any motor vehicle upon any public highway or thoroughfare in this State for compensation, wages, or hire, said bond conditioned for the satisfaction of any judgment for damages growing out of the operation or business of operating said motor vehicles as set out herein; providing for the filing and approval of said bond and the recording of same and the payment of the recording fee; providing for the punishment for the violation of the provisions of this act,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.
ROWELL, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 23, 1925.

Hon. Lee Satterwhite, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 449, A bill to be entitled "An Act changing the boundaries of the Chireno Independent School District in Nacogdoches county, as created by an act of the Thirty-fifth Legislature at its Regular Session, as printed in the Local and Special Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature at page 207, and amended by an act of the Thirty-sixth Legislature at its Regular Session, as printed at page 132, and declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.
ROWELL, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 23, 1925.

Hon. Lee Satterwhite, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 414, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Bessmay Independent School District in Jasper county, Texas, out of part of the territory included in the Buna Independent School District; defining its boundaries and redefining the boundaries of Buna Independent School District; providing for a board of trustees in said district; conferring upon said district and its board of trustees all the rights, powers, privileges and duties now conferred and imposed by the general laws of Texas upon independent school districts and the boards of trustees thereof; declaring that all taxes or bonds heretofore authorized by any former school district included within the bounds thereof shall remain in full force and effect; repealing

all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.
ROWELL, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 23, 1925.

Hon. Lee Satterwhite, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 406, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Courtney Independent School District in Martin county, Texas; defining its boundaries, such boundaries to be the same as the Courtney School District No. 5 of Martin county; providing for a board of trustees in said district; conferring upon said district and its board of trustees the rights, powers, privileges and duties now conferred and imposed by the general laws of Texas upon independent school districts and the board of trustees of the Courtney Common School District No. 5 shall continue in office until the first Saturday in April, 1925, or until their successors are elected and qualified; and providing that such trustees shall have the power to appoint four other trustees; providing for an election to be held on the first Saturday of April, 1925, to elect the successors of said trustees; providing for the levying, assessing and collecting of taxes annually; providing the title to all property within said district and all funds shall vest in the board of trustees of said Courtney Independent School District and their successors in office, and creating an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.
ROWELL, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 23, 1925.

Hon. Lee Satterwhite, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 74, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create the Big Lake Independent School District, Reagan county, Texas; providing a board of trustees therefor; vesting said independent school district and board of trustees with all the rights, powers, privileges and duties conferred upon the independent school districts incorporated under the general laws of Texas; providing that the board of trustees of the present school in said district shall continue to act as such

until their successors are elected in accordance with the general laws of Texas, and declaring an emergency."

And find the same correctly engrossed.
ROWELL, Chairman.

Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, February 18, 1925.

Hon. Lee Satterwhite, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 67, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prohibit any person masked or disguised from going into any public place in a manner calculated to disturb the inhabitants thereof or from disturbing any inhabitants thereof; or from going into or near or demanding entrance or admission into any private house or church or from disturbing any inhabitant thereof; or from, in either a public or private place, permitting any assault upon any person; defining punishment for violation of this act, and declaring an emergency."

And find the same correctly engrossed.
ROWELL, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON ENROLLED BILLS.

Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, February 21, 1925.

Hon. Lee Satterwhite, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 317, "An Act creating and incorporating the Fivemile Independent School District in Dawson county, Texas, out of territory now composing Common School District No. 21 in said county; defining its boundaries; providing for a board of trustees thereof, and defining their powers and authority; authorizing said board of trustees to levy, assess and collect taxes for maintenance and building purposes and to issue bonds therefor, and providing that said Fivemile Independent School District shall assume all the obligations and indebtedness of said Common School District No. 21; vesting title to property of said Common School District No. 21 in Fivemile Independent School District; providing for an assessor and collector of taxes thereof, and providing for a board of equalization of said district; providing for the election and terms of office of trustees thereof, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same and find it correctly enrolled.

STOUT, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 21, 1925.

Hon. Lee Satterwhite, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 351, "An Act to change the territory included in the Sour Lake Independent School District in Hardin county, Texas, and for other purposes,"

Have carefully compared same and find it correctly enrolled.

STOUT, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 21, 1925.

Hon. Lee Satterwhite, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 79, "An Act amending Article 5693, Chapter 2, Title 87, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1911, as amended by Chapter 123 of the General Laws of Texas passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, relating to notes secured by certain deeds of trust, or mortgages on land, and when the same shall be barred by limitation, and providing that powers of sale under deeds of trust or mortgages shall not be executed after the notes secured thereby are barred by limitation, and amending Article 5695, Chapter 2, Title 87, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1911, as amended by Chapter 123, General Laws of Texas, passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, and as amended by Chapter 27, General Laws of Texas, passed at the First Called Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, relating to the renewal and extension of liens that are secured by deeds of trust, mortgages, or vendor's liens on real estate, and providing that thereafter said articles shall read as herein, and declaring an emergency."

Have carefully compared same and find it correctly enrolled.

STOUT, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 23, 1925.

Hon. Lee Satterwhite, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 372, "An Act relating to conservation and reclamation districts

under and by virtue of the provisions of Section 59, of Article 16, of the State Constitution, known as levee improvement districts, having power and authority to reclaim lands from overflow from rivers, creeks and streams, by system of levees, drainage and other improvements; prescribing how such districts may be created; defining their rights, powers and privileges, and the manner of their exercise; constituting such districts when created governmental agencies and bodies politic and corporate, and fixing their rights and liabilities as such; providing for the construction, maintenance and protection of works and improvements erected by them; granting to such districts the power of eminent domain; providing for the assessment, levy and collection of taxes; granting to such districts the power to issue bonds and create indebtedness to raise funds for the objects of their creation; relating

to the making of contracts for construction of levees and other works of improvement and providing for the appropriation of funds in payment thereof; requiring the State Reclamation Engineer to inspect such districts and improvements under construction therein; making penal interference with or injury to their works or improvements; fixing penalties and punishments to be imposed on persons offending in those regards, as well as for building levees without lawful authority; enacting provisions necessary and incidental to the subject and purpose of this act; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith; providing that this act shall not repeal any drainage district laws or irrigation or water improvement district laws, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same and find it correctly enrolled.

STOUT, Chairman.

In Memory
of
Mrs. Jesse C. Murrell

Mr. Enderby offered the following resolution:

With profound sorrow we have just learned of the death of Mrs. Jesse C. Murrell, the wife of Hon. Jesse C. Murrell, of Gainesville, Texas, who served with distinguished ability as a member of the House of Representatives for a term of fourteen years, which occurred last week.

We who had the pleasure of knowing Mrs. Jesse C. Murrell during the time her husband was a member of this body, learned to love her for her noble qualities of womanhood, and her fine Christian character; therefore be it

Resolved, That we tender to our former member and beloved friend our sincere and deep sympathy in his irreparable loss; assuring him that our hearts beat in sympathy with his in this, the greatest sorrow of his life. Be it further

Resolved, That when the House adjourns today it do so in honor of her memory, that a page of the Journal be set aside as a tribute of respect to the departed, and an enrolled copy of this resolution, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, be sent the family.

ENDERBY,
BARKER,
VEATCH,
BRYANT.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted unanimously.